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Work and Workers.

MISS SARA A. EMERSON has accepted the position of instructor in the Bible at the Hayes Training School for Deaconesses and Missionaries at Washington, D. C.

REV. JAMES A. BLAISDELL, recently a congregational pastor at Olivet, Mich., has entered upon his duties as Professor of sacred history at Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.

AT the opening of the autumn quarter in the University of Chicago three addresses were given the students, under the direction of the Young Men's Christian Association of the University, to inaugurate the work of Bible study during the year. Two of these addresses were by President Charles Cuthbert Hall, D.D., of the Union Theological Seminary, New York city, on "The Relation of the Bible to Intellectual Culture," and "The Relation of the Bible to True Self-Knowledge." The third lecture was by Professor George L. Robinson, of the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, on "Bible Study and the Personal Life."

THE autumn announcement of The Macmillan Company, New York, promises several valuable works to the department of theology: Professor F. G. Peabody, of Harvard University, *The Religion of an Educated Man*, and *Jesus Christ and the Christian Character*; Professor S. S. Curry, *The Vocal Interpretation of the Bible*; Professor E. C. Moore, of Harvard University, *The New Testament in the Christian Church*; Professor Nathaniel Schmidt, of Cornell University, *The Son of Man and the Son of God in Modern Theology*; and the translation of two recent German works, one by Professor Oscar Holtzmann, *A Life of Jesus*, the other by Soltau, *The Birth of Jesus Christ*.

THE department of comparative religion at the University of New York has for sixteen years been under the direction of Professor F. F. Ellinwood, D.D. At the close of the year last June, Dr. Ellinwood retired from the professorship, and Professor Charles Gray Shaw, Ph.D., from another department of the university, has been appointed to the chair. The work of the department for the present year will consist of two courses on comparative religion, one on "The History of Religious Thought," the other on "The Philosophy of Religion;" supple-

menting these, Professor Shaw will give two courses in philosophy, one on "The Philosophy of Ethics," the other on "Systematic Philosophy."

REV. EDWARD JUDSON, D.D., pastor of the Memorial Church on Washington Square South, New York city, has accepted the professorship of homiletics in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, to succeed Dr. Galusha Anderson who has become professor emeritus. Dr. Judson is the son of the great missionary, Adoniram Judson. He was graduated from Brown University in 1865, was later a professor at Colgate University, but since 1875 has been a pastor, first at Orange, N. J., and after 1880 in the church which he now leaves—a church of the institutional kind, where his work has been marked by the greatest wisdom, skill, and success. He will take up the work of this professorship on January 1, 1904.

THE Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago, at its Central Department, provides an elaborate schedule of Bible classes and Bible lectures for the religious instruction and culture of its members. During the coming winter season classes will be conducted in the following subjects: "The Conversations of Christ," "The Life and Letters of Paul," "Character Studies in the Bible," "The Conversion of the Roman Empire to Christianity," "Studies in the Apostolic Church," "Old Testament Characters," "The Life of Christ," "Studies in the Life of Christ," "Main Lines in the Bible," "Jesus the Toiler," and "Life Problems." A series of lectures in "The History of Prophecy" are to be given by Rev. Charles A. Young, editor of the *Christian Century*, and a series of lectures on "The History of New Testament Times in Palestine," by Professor Shailer Mathews, of the University of Chicago. The latter also conducts a Normal Sunday School class on Saturdays which studies the International Sunday School Lessons.

THE city of Boston has a most useful organization for Bible study in the Twentieth Century Club, which furnishes during the winter season a series of lectures and studies upon important Bible themes by leading scholars of the United States. For the coming winter Professor H. G. Mitchell, of Boston University, will give five lectures, illustrated with the stereopticon, on "The Geography of Palestine;" Professor Henry P. Smith, of Amherst College, will give twelve lectures on "The History of the Literature of the Hebrews until the Exile;" Professor Henry S. Nash, of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass., will give eight lectures upon "Life and

Literature in the Apostolic Age;" Professor Richard G. Moulton, of the University of Chicago, will give eight lectures on "The Bible as Literature;" and Miss Helen S. Cole will give four "Interpretative Bible Readings." The lectures given by Professor Smith are to be paralleled and supplemented by twelve class lessons under the direction of Professor I. F. Wood, of Smith College, Northampton, Mass. Course tickets for these lectures are announced at \$1.50 to \$3, with single tickets at 25 cents for each lecture. This program of the Boston Twentieth Century Club is here mentioned, not only for its own sake, but in the hope that other cities may be stimulated to similar arrangements for extending the better knowledge of the Bible.

An important contribution to the study of early Christian history has been made by Dr. E. H. Gifford in his elaborate new edition of Eusebius's *Preparation for the Gospel* (Oxford University Press, 4 vols., £5 6s.). The first two volumes give the Greek text, the third volume (in two parts) gives the English translation, and the fourth gives extensive notes upon the work. Eusebius intended in this work to make a strong apology for Christianity; as such it is still of great interest. But still greater interest attaches to the fact that in this work Eusebius preserved quotations from works which otherwise would have been completely lost, exhibiting the philosophical conceptions of Eusebius's day. Here are preserved specimens from the writings of almost every philosopher of any note whose works are not now extant. There are also fragments of poetry and extracts from known historians. The contents of Eusebius's *Preparation* may be indicated in Lightfoot's words:

In the first three books Eusebius attacks the mythology of the heathen; in the next three he discusses the oracles, the sacrifices offered to demons, and the doctrine of fate; in the three following he turns to "the heathen oracles," explains their meaning and quotes heathen writers on their behalf; in the tenth to the thirteenth books he argues for the priority of the Hebrew Scriptures, charges the Greek philosophers with plagiarism, and shows all that is best in Greek speculation agrees with the Hebrew writings; the fourteenth book is occupied with the contradictions of the Greek philosophy, and the fifteenth with its errors.